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UM'S NOBLE LEAVES OCT. 1 TO TAKE BIG SKY CONFERENCE POST

MISSOULA--

Kathy Noble is once again at the helm of The University of Montana's intercollegiate athletics department, but only until Oct. 1 when she moves up to the Big Sky Conference.

Noble accepted the position of assistant commissioner for compliance services of the Big Sky Conference Monday, the same day President George M. Dennison announced that she will become interim athletic director effective July 1. For the next three months, she will replace Bill Moos, who left UM this month to become athletic director at the University of Oregon.

"This is one of those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, and I realize the timing was not good," Noble said. "I just didn't think I could pass up the chance to move into the conference office. I'm actually ready for a change, but I love this place to death and I'm going to take a piece of it away with me."

During part of August and September, Noble will juggle her duties at UM with learning the ropes at the conference's headquarters in Ogden, Utah, Dennison said.

Noble has been second-in-command as associate director of UM's intercollegiate athletics department since Oct. 1, 1987. She served once before as interim athletic director from Sept. 1, 1989, to March 31, 1990, replacing Harley Lewis when he moved on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"Kathy's decision to accept the assistant commissioner position causes both joy and sadness;

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joy that she has the opportunity to accept new challenges, but sadness at the loss of a valued member of the University community, one we will replace only with great difficulty," Dennison said.

Noble said she is pleased that she'll be able to maintain the Grizzly contacts and friendships she has forged over the years, since UM is a member of the conference.

"The Big Sky Conference is very fortunate to have a person of Kathy's caliber join the league office," said Big Sky Conference Commissioner Doug Fullerton. "She is well respected on the national level and her experience will lend itself well to moving the Big Sky into the future. We're very pleased to have her, and at the same time, we are happy to work with The University of Montana to ensure a smooth transition in its search for an athletic director."

Noble will bring 20 years of experience in intercollegiate administration to the Big Sky office. She served as associate athletic director at the University of Miami from 1983 to 1986, academic counselor in athletics at Boise State from 1982 to 1983, and residence hall director at Washington State University from 1976 to 1982.

Before coming to UM eight years ago, Noble was assistant director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities for the city of Miami.

Noble earned her bachelor's degree in social sciences from Central Washington University in 1971 and a master's degree in counseling at Washington State University in 1979. She is currently a doctoral candidate in counseling at WSU.

Dennison said a faculty, staff and student committee headed by UM Vice President Jim Todd has begun a search for a new athletic director. Interviews are expected to take place on

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campus in late September, and an appointment will be made soon thereafter, Dennison said.

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Contact: Kathy Noble, 243-5331. Noble will be available for interviews until 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. She then will be out-of-town until July 17.

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